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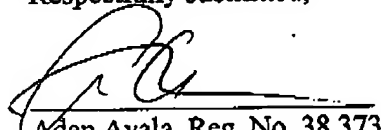
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combination render unpatentable Claim 13 and its dependent claims. Therefore, the rejection based on Chen/Meredith should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, all the claims are patentable and the application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance.

No fee is believed due. Nonetheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any fees due in processing this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2548.

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